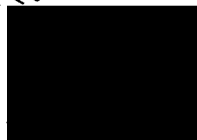


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Dated: 16 March 1943

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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. ~~Eighty-three~~ ^{FOIA b3} ~~50~~ ^{FOIA b3} These reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. ^{FOIA b3} The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. ^{FOIA b3} Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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16 March 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Important ReportsCivil Air Fleet

(1) In a message the position on the Ilmen Sea and the village Andreapol were mentioned. Andreapol is considered as a military airfield. There is the possibility that units of the Civil Air Fleet in this area fulfill military tasks.

(2) In Tiflis units of the Civil Air Fleet are provided with supplies by the Transcaucasus Front.

Metal Supply

(3) Tiflis. Plant "Generator" needs 10 tons of carbon steel and requires 1,000 meters of seamless pipe. This pipe of 200 mm. diameter was dismantled from the oil line Baku-Batum.

(4) On 10 March 45 tons of scrap iron were shipped. The Non-Ferrous Metal Industry reports production as follows:

on 12 March	copper products	6 tons
since beginning of month	" "	29 "
stock not shipped	" "	77 "

(5) The following was shipped to Plant #515:

in February	electrolyte iron	0.24 ton
from 1 to 5 March	" "	0.34 "
Until the end of this month there will be shipped	" "	0.4 "

(6) The Georgian Road Directorate delivered 3 tons of scrap iron in the first quarter.

(7) Plant "Kirov" requires 40 tons of steel.

(8) The Chief Directorate for Metal Sales delivered the following to the agricultural supply center for the fourth quarter:

quality iron	7.5 tons
sheet metal	5 "
construction steel	8.4 "

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(9) Erivan explains that the plants of Alaverdy and Kafan can produce only cast iron balls. 75 tons of cast iron are required each month by the Chief Directorate for Copper, and in addition a small electric oven for the casting of steel balls.

(10) Zestafoni, "Ferro-Plant" shipped 995 tons of carbon iron to Moscow Base No.1 in February and requires 15 tons of copper scrap and 1 ton of zinc in March for casting spare parts.

(11) Ordzhonikidze requires the following for the reestablishment of communications in the liberated areas:

wire	3 mm.	10 tons
"	4 "	5 "
insulators		5,000
keys		5,000

(12) Chiaturi, Manganese Trust, shipped 787 tons of manganese ore for the first time in March on 8 March.

(13) Stavropol requires the following materials and instruments for the reestablishment of the machine and tractor parts:

drills	30,000 units
micrometers	300 "
beam compasses	500 "
misc. steel	300 tons
instrument steel	40 "
soldering torch	400 units
electrodes	6,000 "
segment steel	100 tons
high speed steel	1 ton
sheet metal for roofing,	
black plate, sheet zinc	10 tons
misc. wire	30 "
white metal "583"	5 "
"BMN" (designation for	
a metal)	20 "
"616" (?)	3 "
feed pipe	1.5 "
copper plate	1 ton
brass tape	0.5 "
magnetic wire	10,000 meters
spark plugs	10,000
insulators	30,000

Material Supply

(14) Stavropol requires for the reestablishment of machine and tractor parts:

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leather for metal fittings	30,000 units
emery leather	30,000 "
round grinding stone	1,500 "

(15) Krasnoyarsk must make 3 cars available to the glass works in March in order that lamp glass can be delivered to the Waterways Directorate of the Amur, Irtysh, and Pechora Steamship Agencies.

(16) NKRF-Ulyanovsk must deliver 385 meters of 2-cell-cable to the NK for Communications.

Oil Supply

(17) NKRF-Ust Usa received in March:

gasoline	0.2 ton
including for fire trucks	0.05 "

(18) NKRF-Saratov:

petroleum	2 tons
gasoline	0.1 ton
ligroin	0.2 "

(19) NKRF-Kujbyshev gives the following accounting of the February budget in fuel: (in tons ?)

	<u>Stock on 1 February</u>	<u>Arrivals</u>	<u>Departures</u>	<u>Balance on 1 March</u>
Mazut	269.7	27	27.6	269
Oil	150.4	-	102.3	47
Petroleum	4.9	8.3	0.8	2.6
Gasoline	1.6	2.8	2.7	1.7
Diesel oil	6.2	-	-	-

(20) The following was received in March:

NKRF-Uralsk	petroleum	2 tons
	motor oil	4 "
	gasoline	0.5 "
NKRF-Novosibirsk	"	0.1 "
	petroleum	0.5 "
NKRF-Irkutsk	ligroin	0.1 "
NKRF-Khabarovsk	gasoline	0.2 "
including for defense troops	"	0.1 "
	petroleum	1 "
	ligroin	0.2 "

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Transport Situation

(21) NKRF-Saratov must furnish 8 cars in April for steel products which are destined for the ship repair yard.

(22) NKRF-Krasnoyarsk must furnish 6 cars in the second ten days of March which are intended for the transport of oakum to Bogotol.

(23) Two cars for the transport of steel products must be furnished to NKRF-Ulan Ude in April for the East Siberian Steamship Agency.

(24) NKRF-Blagoveshchensk must receive 3 cars for the transport of armament production in April for the Amur Steamship Agency.

(25) NKRF-Khabarovsk will receive 3 cars in April for the transport of armament production.